THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PERSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) With the arrival of new recruits in the 10th D.A.P. battalion, located at Pitampura police lines complex, the cooks of the battalion had to be shifted. They have, however, been provided separate accommodation, with all basic facilities, in the same complex. It is not correct to say that the barracks were invaded and the luggage of the cooks thrown out.

Unemployed persons in Delhi

2305. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons in Delhi at the beginning and at the end of 1986;

(b) how many unemployed persons got themselves registered in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise and at what rate employment was provided during each of these years; and

(c) by when the backlog is likely to be cleared and in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The information available relates the number of job-seekers (all of whom are not necessarily unemployed) registered with the Employment Exchanges in Delhi. Their number at the beginning and end of 1986 was 569.2 and 680.8 thousands, respectively.

(b) The number of job-seekers registered and placements made by the Employment Exchanges as well as the percentage of placement to registrations during the past three years is given below:—

Year	Registrations (in thousands)	Placements	%age of placements to registrations
1984	202.5	54.4	26.9
1985	205.4	56.6	27.6
1986	170.6	44.0	25.8

(c) Employment Exchanges are not the only agencies for purpose of placement. There are several other agencies through which placements are made and job-seekers can find employment through them also.

Bonded Labour in Bihar

2306. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 15th February, 1987 to the effect that there is widespread bonded labour in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the matter is being investigated; and

(c) what steps are being taken to free the labourers from bondage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The Report referded to inthe Question states, *inter-alia*, that according to the findings of the Study Team appointed by the Parliamentary Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry of Labour, Bonded Labourers exist extensively in Bihar. The Government have not received the findings of the sub-committee. The identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers are the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government have time and again, issued guidelines including, a Blue Print, to the State Governments as to how the Bonded Labourers should be identified, released and rehabilitated. Till 31-12-1986, 11,729 bonded labourers have been identified and freed in Bihar and out of these 9,841 have been rehabilitated.